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# KENNEDY GETS PRESIDENT-TO-BE HEARS REPORT FROM DULLES ON LATIN SITUATION

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**Senator, CIA Chief  
Meet for 2½ Hours  
at Palm Beach —  
'Wide Range of Mat-  
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PALM BEACH, Fla., Nov. 18—President-elect John F. Kennedy received a briefing on the tense situation in Nicaragua and Guatemala today from the nation's top intelligence officer.

The report was given Kennedy at his vacation headquarters here this morning by Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Dulles was accompanied by Richard Bissell, a deputy director of CIA.

The two men conferred with Kennedy for 2 hours and 40 minutes on the front lawn of his family's home overlooking the Atlantic ocean.

Kennedy's acting press secretary, Donald M. Wilson, said the discussion covered a "wide range of matters, one of which was the situation in Central America."

#### Details Withheld.

Wilson declined to give any details on the discussion.

He also refused to say whether Kennedy supports the action of President Eisenhower in ordering American naval units to be ready to provide military assistance to Guatemala and Nicaragua to repel any Communist-directed inter-

"We are going to have no comment on that," Wilson stated.

"Senator Kennedy feels it would be improper for him to discuss actions or policies of the United States at the present time because he has no responsibilities for policies," Wilson stated. "That will be his position on all such matters between now and inauguration day."

It was learned earlier, however, that Kennedy is vitally interested in the critical situation in Central America. It was known in advance of today's meeting that he planned to ask Dulles for a complete report on the situation in both Guatemala and Nicaragua.

It was understood that it was the critical situation in these two countries, as well as in Costa Rica, that led the President-elect to ask for today's briefing.

#### Request Made Tuesday.

Kennedy made the request last Tuesday. At that time the only reason given for the meeting was a general explanation that the President-elect wanted to go over "a number of problems facing the United States."

The request for a briefing on the Central American situation preceded by two days the announcement of President Eisenhower's order for standby military assistance to be made available to Guatemala and Nicaragua.